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The Editor

I CAN'T BELIEVE some of the things that are written these days!

This week we see that some people are taking exception to the play-off system in the National League.

It is crazily suggested that this is an improper way to end a season even though it is an impressive success. Some say that teams finishing fifth should not have the opportunity to finish up as champions but this is farcical.

A champion team is without doubt judged on how well it stands up to a long and hard season AND how it fronts up against real pressure football.

Sydney City are a prime example. So-called challengers came from all directions in the Northern Division this year but City brushed them all aside with consummate ease.

Although they are not the most fashionable of sides by any stretch of the imagination they are a champion team that can respond to the pressures involved with semi-final play-offs.

In the Southern Division we heard of some bickering by South Melbourne's coach Len McKendry about the prospect of playing fifth placed Preston in the preliminary final.

His worries were justified as South was bundled out by Preston.

Now this all goes to show, no matter how good a side South Melbourne are or were, they were not able to stand up and be counted during the rigours of final football — the real test of a champion team.

The South Division final was a test and a half of character for Brunswick and yet they came out with flying colours.

Down 1-0 with only four minutes remaining, they marshalled their forces to steamroll Preston... that was real champion stuff!

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BRAVO MARCONI After a very successful season the Marconi committee sat down last week at their annual meeting and reappointed Les Scheinflug coach.

What's more they appointed Roberto Vieri, the Marconi midfield maestro of the past, as assistant to Scheinflug.

This move may be just what Marconi were looking for.

Although their midfield were brilliant for the majority of the season, they fell down a little towards the end of the season when their passing left a lot to be desired.

Now with Vieri on deck, Tredinnick, Mason, Sterrey and Henderson will receive that little brush up on their passes that is so vital.

Look for Marconi to go one better next year.

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GREAT to see the Red Devils hammering all opposition over in England.

With Mark Hughes in simply devastating form, United should give the championship a real shake.

But the good news ends there for Australian soccer supporters. If Wales finish runners-up in their World Cup group and Australia win the testing Oceania group they will clash for the right to travel to Mexico for next year's World Cup Finals.

With Hughes in such demonic mood (six goals in six games) and his partner, Ian Rush, already asserted as a goalscoring extraordinaire — Australia's defences will have to be tighter than those at Fort Knox.

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WHILST the new European season has started in fantastic style for some, notably Mark Hughes and Everton's Gary Lineker, others have not been quite so lucky.

Tony Parks, the goalkeeper who won Tottenham Hotspur the UEFA Cup almost single-handed two years ago, has been booted out of the club and English midfielder Gordon Cowans has not had a great start to the 1985-86 season in Italy... find out the reasons in our UK Scene on page 19.

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EVERYONE involved with JUNIOR SOCCER had better not miss out on next week's Australian Soccer Weekly.

In next week's publication we are going to exclusively publish the draw to the NSW State Champion of Champions, the whole kaboodle, with facts and figures... the lot, so order your copy now!

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EDDIE THOMSON sure didn't take his side's 1-0 loss at the hands of Brunswick in Sydney very nicely.

The usually passive coach labelled his side a "bunch of softies" and openly criticised the poor showing of City on Wednesday.

Funnily enough referee Peter Rampley's summation of the match in which he sent off City captain Murray Barnes was in complete contrast.

Rampley claimed after the match, "Sydney City would be much better off if they started playing football and cut out the rough stuff."

Thomson reacted by rejecting the 'tough' tag and saying: "Rampley is the only referee we have trouble with. We got a better go when we played in Melbourne."

The Slickers may have fretted every time Peter Rampley controlled one of their games but that wariness is no longer warranted... Rampley has retired.

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Fletcher gathered a ball on the left in the 72nd minute but decided to try a shot from 20 metres instead of crossing to where Grant Lee was free as a bird at point blank range.

Fletcher's shot was well blocked by Banovic.

Juventus' back four of Peter Lewis, John Dowie, captain Brian Brown and Eddie Campbell stood firm on all assaults and greatly supported their link-line of Incantalupo, Petersen, Richard Miranda and Paul Wade.

Miranda and Petersen both turned in a performance featuring high work-rate.

Sydney City missed Barnes' drive in the mid-field, despite Joe Watson's continual attempts to lift them.

Towards the end, Sweeney lunged on to a ball fed to him by Miranda but as he powered into the box for a shot elected unselfishly to square his pass to the right to the supporting Paul Wade.

Wade's 12 metre shot was punched clear by Pezzano.

With 30 seconds to go, Sydney City's Fletcher attempted a spectacular flying header from 15 metres but the youngster looked on with complete exasperation to see his fine effort crash off the Juventus crossbar.

Best performers for a

dejected Sydney City were both Ean Rodrigues and Jean-Paul de Marigny plus David Mitchell up front who exerted provided problems for Brunswick's central defenders.

Outstanding for the victors were Miranda, Petersen and Wade whilst left-back Eddie Campbell never allowed Farina penetration.

John Margaritis, a most elated man, told me after the match: "It is a proud day in my life. I was so pleased and satisfied with all my boys and it will be a day in the club's history to be remembered."



JOHN MARGARITIS

Meanwhile in the losers' dressing room a most disappointed Eddie Thomson stated: "congratulations to Juventus, they seemed to want the game more than us and competed accordingly."

Sydney City: Pezzano, Rodrigues, O'Connor, Robertson (P Falconer 51), de Marigny, Lee, Watson, Cant, Kay (Fletcher 70), Farina, Mitchell.

Brunswick Juventus: Banovic, Lewis, Brown, Dowie, Campbell, Incantalupo, Petersen, Miranda, Wade, Sweeney, Cullen (Minchiello 19).

Referee: Don Campbell.



Jubilant Brunswick Juventus supporters, officials and players celebrate victory.

JUVENTUS CRUSH CITY IN GRAND FINAL FIRST LEG

SYDNEY CITY, League Champions of the Northern Division, were well and truly tossed by the visiting Brunswick Juventus in first leg of the National NSL Grand Final at the St George Stadium, despite going down by a scoreline of only 1-0.

To add injury to their woes, City had their skipper Murray Barnes sent off the pitch in the 73rd minute following a scuffle with Juventus midfielder, Paul Wade.

Juventus the underdogs for the match, played as if they were in fact the favourites and steamrolled City by being far more competitive, much quicker with their shut-downs and every tackler seemed to have a 'double-cover' or instant back-up.

The Southerners seemed physically much stronger and their midfield quartet of Fabio Incantalupo, Mike Petersen, Richard Miranda and Paul Wade tossed City's engine-room of Grant Lee, Joe Watson and Murray Barnes at will.

Juventus powered their way through the first session with great aggression, a quality more accustomed to City's style of play and on the night it looked as though the pupil was tutoring the master in this category.

The match was sprinkled with spiteful tackles and Juventus could consider themselves most fortunate by the leniency they received from home-state referee, Peter Rampley.

Juventus' powerful striker, Joe Sweeney, struck first in the 5th minute with a poor shot at the target which City's goalkeeper, Tony Pezzano had no difficulty scooping up.

City's lanky blond striker, David Mitchell, hit back with a snap-shot at Juventus' goals from 15 metres in the 15th minute, but goalkeeper, Yakka Banovic neutralised the danger well.

A Robbie Cullen cross from the right flank was headed well on target by Sweeney, but his effort was blocked by Pezzano in the 25th minute.

But 13 minutes later, proved unlucky for City as Juventus' rugged midfielder, Richard Miranda pumped a through ball to Incantalupo veering across the pitch to his left.

Incantalupo on the run and from 22 metres out, flashed a left-footed drive that screamed into Sydney City's goal: like a guided missile.

Juventus should have stretched their solitary goal lead when Sweeney found himself on a one-on-one situation with Pezzano racing off his line. But the Juventus striker sliced his final shot that went wide to the left off its intended target.

Three minutes later, a flare-up deep in the Juventus half erupted between City's Frank Farina and the Victorian left-back, Eddie Campbell.

City's enforcing centre-back, Steve O'Connor and Juventus free-back, John Dowie raced in to buy into the "discussion" as one of these two threw an attempted Liverpool Kiss which most thankfully was centimetres short of contact.

Referee Rampley should have immediately sent the "kisser" off. On the spot fullstop.

Both wore yellow cards for the incident, highlighting Rampley's extreme tolerance and generosity officiating this, his final match before retirement.

Very slowly but surely, City came off the ropes and started to cut inroads into Juventus as the latter dropped back into defence.

Following a Sydney City free-kick 40 metres out on the right flank, in the 73rd minute, another scuffle erupted in the Juventus penalty area.

City's Mitchell toppled over backwards as Barnes raced in to push off Wade.

That's when Rampley quite surprisingly showed the City captain the red card, much to the latter's heated protests.

City's best performer surprisingly, was young defender Ean Rodrigues who was always safe in the tackle without being over aggressive, constantly breaking up Juventus raids when danger threatened.

Rodrigues was very closely followed by the ever-reliable free-back, Alex Robertson, but the two could not compensate for the fire and vigor missing by most of the team-mates.

Brunswick-Juventus' best performer was much harder to pick as the whole team fired well with maybe Mike Petersen and Richard Miranda just ahead on points from a very fast, hard unrelenting bunch.

Brunswick Juventus now goes into Leg 2 of the National Grand Final with a very handy 1 goal away win.

A most pleased Juventus coach, John Margaritis stated after the match:

"We were a little hesitant in the first 15 minutes but went on with the job as we felt we could get over the top of the strong Sydney City side. But I still feel the second Leg of the Grand Final is a 50-50 chance."

Meanwhile back in Sydney City's dressing room, a most disappointed Eddie Thomson reflected:

"The attitude and mood before the match was just not right and deep inside of me I felt we were going to lose this one. I said it, I felt it and I was right."

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano; Rodrigues (De Marigny 59th), O'Connor, Robertson, Cant; Lee, Watson, Barnes; Farina, Kosmina, Mitchell.

BRUNSWICK-JUVENTUS: Banovic; Durakovic, Brown, Dowie, Campbell; Incantalupo, Petersen, Miranda, Wade; Sweeney, Cullen.

REFEREE: P. Rampley.

CROWD: 2,419.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

Frank Arok and St George BBC invite players to trial for Division 1 Youth League
Under 13 & 14s,
Tuesday, October 1st 1985
Under 15 & 16s,
Thursday October 3rd 1985
at 5.30pm
St George Stadium,
Bestic Street, Rockdale
Please contact Youth League co-ordinator — Brian Long on 597 4204



ALEX ROBERTSON



CHIT CHAT

WITHOUT knowing the cost of phone calls from Athens to Sydney, we're willing to bet KIKIS EFTIMIOU owes Greek Telecom, or its equivalent, a huge amount of drachmas.

Kikis is president of Canterbury, the club which recently won the premiership of the NSW State League.

And he has been in Greece for two months - during which time his beloved Canterbury made its thrilling bid for the title and promotion to the National League.

Almost daily, the Berries boss has been on the phone for progress reports on the team.

His expensive calls brought nothing but good news - so Kikis will not worry about settling the phone bill.



CONGRATULATIONS to Marconi on quickly settling the controversy surrounding the appointment of next year's coach.

Once it became clear that the annual bickering over the appointment of officials was starting once again, Marconi offered LES SCHEINFLUG a new contract to 1986.

Isn't it strange how Marconi is bedevilled by similar rumours every year at about this time?

It cannot help stability in the team.

Fielding basically a very young side, Marconi proved this year that they could get even better next year. A change of coach would have been disastrous.



JIM BAYUTTI, one of the top administrators from soccer's recent past, is home again after undergoing a serious operation at a Sydney hospital.

Jim was president of the NSW Soccer Federation, vice-president of the Australian Soccer Federation, founder of the Apia club and also team manager with Soccerroos squads.

His charming wife Rosita says Jim is physically in good shape and his condition is improving.

ASW sends best wishes to Jim.

WHEN so many clubs complain bitterly about refereeing standards, it is a blow to soccer that Sydney's **TIM DAVIES** has decided to quit.

There is no better whistler in Sydney, indeed Tim is possibly the best referee in Australia.

It is no secret that Davies has not been getting along very well with officials of the Referees Federation so it was not a big surprise when he decided he'd had enough.

In future, Davies will confine his refereeing activities to amateur and junior games in his own district, Gladesville Hornsby.

"That will give me a lot of enjoyment - without the sort of hassles I've had to put up with recently," said Davies.



Is it too late to make overtures to Tim to change his mind? He is too good to get out of big-time football three years before retirement is due.

WHILE awaiting their 'sudden death' match against Penrith, Newcastle Rosebud coach **WILLIE GALLAGHER** arranged local sides, Belmont-Swansea were quick to oblige.

With so much riding on the outcome of the game for both clubs, Gallagher did not intend to see his charges lack match practice.



WEST ADELAIDE coach **NEIL McGACHEY** made a special trip to Melbourne recently to talk with Heidelberg striker **STEWART STEVENSON**.

The Scot is believed to have been impressed by McGachey, and also West's offer for next season.

However, West may have to battle St. George for the 24-year-old's signature.

FRANK AROK has also had words with Stevenson.

IT was sad to see the **YOUTH SOCCEROOS** crash out of the World Championship in the USSR, but one wonders if it would have been different under different circumstances.

We're referring to the playing of so many players from the Australian Institute of Sport.

They compete in only a Youth League in Australia.

Players in NSL clubs and State League First Divisions must surely have more experience and maturity.

They are boys in a men's competition, while the Institute lads are boys trying to do a man's job in the world arena.



JUST before the first leg of the interstate grand final at St George, a journo from ASW wished Brunswick Juventus coach **JOHN MARGARITIS** "good luck."

The Brunswick coach looked at him and said: "I know you don't mean it, but thanks all the same."

As things turned out, Margaritis and his team didn't need any luck. They were the better team on the night and thoroughly deserved their 1-0 win against 'unbeatable' Sydney City.



ONE player Wollongong City should be talking with for next season is Fairy Meadow full-back **JOCK MORLANDO**.

Morlando had a spell with the Wolves under **KEN MORTON** but has had a great season in the State League.

He is a far more mature player these days and would certainly slot into the Wolves' line-up at full-back or in the midfield.

Morlando isn't saying much but there is no doubt he would like to have another crack at the National League without having to travel to Sydney.



Charlie Villani — sought after

There is a rumour that South Melbourne will release **Doug Brown**, **Charlie Egan**'s striking partner.

IF Adelaide City want to retain **CHARLIE VILLANI**, who ended the season as a super-striker, they had better move quickly.

Word is that he has already been approached by two Victorian clubs who want him for next year.



FIL BOTTALICO's contract as coach of Apia Leichhardt expired last week and it is not being renewed.

Within the next 48 hours, his successor will be named.

Apia, having survived one of the worst years in their history, are determined to spare no expense to make sure 1986 is more fruitful.

They are not interested in appointing a second class coach - nothing but the best will do.

It has been reported that **RALE RASIC** is the man who will get the job.

We can think of no better coach to tackle the huge job needed to get this famous old club back on the rails.



FORMER NSL player BOB MOUNTFORD who turned out for teams in Newcastle, Brisbane and Sydney, is presently in the Lake Macquarie City forward line. Defences in other sides keep him well attended, particularly in the air where Bob has few peers.

WHILE **GRAHAM HONEYMAN** was upset at losing his place in the Soccerroo squad because of a FIFA ruling, there was some consolation for the West Adelaide captain.

He had cancelled a trip back to Scotland with his family when he made the squad, but when he heard he was out because he had played for Scotland's Youth team in 1970, he was able to re-book his holiday.

The Honeyman saga is a warning for the ASF to check out its players carefully for the future.

As it is, we believe three of the current squad have still to become Australian citizens.



THERE will be no interruptions in the Olympic Airways National League next season for unproductive international tournaments if Apia Leichhardt have their way.

RENATO ORSATTI, a prominent Apia official, said: "The National League must have rocks in its head to allow the club programme to be interrupted for weeks on end - as happened this year and last."

"Apia want to play in a strong National League. If the League isn't strong, we might as well get out."

The international tournaments certainly helped national coach **Frank Arok** to build his World Cup squad...but at what cost?

Those tournaments just about killed the NSL two years running. The Red Star Belgrade fiasco was probably the straw to break the camel's back.

WATCH out for Wollongong's **TONY CORRADINI** and **DARREN NEES** next season.

They scored the bulk of the goals for the Wollongong youth team which won the championship this season.

Both have NSL experience and are ready to make names for themselves in 1986.

Corradini scored twice and Nees once in their team's 4-1 win over Blacktown to clinch the title on goal difference from Canberra.

It was a great revival by the young Wollongong side as they finished a disappointing last in the league just 12 months earlier.

WOLLONGONG journalist **SYD FAIRS** met a former Pan Hellenic player **JIM KOSMOS** during a visit to Athens last month.

On a world trip, Fairs jumped into a taxi outside an Athens hotel and thought the driver's face was familiar.

They soon started talking about the days when Fairs was on the South Coast United committee and Kosmos played in the Pan Hellenic midfield.

"He knows more about Sydney soccer than I do and he lives in Athens," Fairs said.

One thing Kosmos knows is that Sydney Olympic — son of Pan Hellenic — are in big financial trouble.

You wouldn't have to travel to Athens to find that out.



XAMAX NEUCHATEL, the Swiss team which signed **Uli Stielike** from Real Madrid, were too strong for Aberdeen, the pride of Scotland, winning a pre-season friendly match 1-0.



UWE REINDERS has been transferred from Werder Bremen to Bordeaux in France on a two-year contract.

The German international is 30. He hopes to help Bordeaux win this season's European Cup.



Kikis Eftimiou 'rang' up an enormous phone bill keeping tabs on Canterbury's progress.

STAR PROFILE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

BIRTH AND BIRTH-PLACE: 18.1.60, Newcastle.

HEIGHT: 5'11"

MARRIED: Yes, Louise

OCCUPATION: Fulltime Soccer player.

PLAYING POSITION: Left-back but previously a left-striker.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Adamstown Rosebuds at Newcastle.

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Martyn Rogers, Peter Raskopoulos, Jimmy Patikas, Pele, Cryuff, Beckenbauer.

FAVOURITE CLUBS: Sydney Olympic, Sydney Croatia, Liverpool.

CAR: Laser Ghia.

BIGGEST DIS-APPOINTMENT IN SOCCER: "At the beginning of the 1985 season."

"Otherwise I have been pretty lucky overall."

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: "My parents and Tommy Docherty who told me to enjoy the game."

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS OR HOBBIES: Basketball, swimming.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: Don Ameche, Barbara Streisand.

LONG TERM AMBITIONS: To be happy and remain injury-free for the rest of my career.

SUPERSTITIONS: None.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Beatles.

MAJOR INJURIES: Torn medial ligament, and this year frozen nerve-endings to the back of my right knee.

BEST TEAM IN RECENT INTERNATIONAL SERIES: Australia.

BEST PLAYER FOR AUSTRALIA IN SERIES: Zarko Odzakovic but the whole team played well as a solid unit.

NATIONAL TEAM TO WORRY AUSTRALIA QUALIFYING FOR 1986 WORLD CUP: They will all be hard matches. We have to take them as they come.

I respect all the teams we play against.

Israel, New Zealand and Australia have had good results recently so they will be very interesting encounters.

GRAHAM JENNINGS

QUEENSLAND VIEW

BY MARK BRIGDEN

SECONDARY SQUAD

FOLLOWING the Queensland Schoolboys State Titles some two months ago, a squad of 16 players were selected to participate in the 1985 Commonwealth Bank Secondary School Championships in Canberra.

The squad is being led by Geoff Mayes, a former State League player with Marcella and currently playing in the Premier League with Acacia Ridge.

Mayes and his selection committee, including the 'Mr Administrator' of schoolboy soccer Chapman Bonner, have selected a well balanced, talented squad.

Nine Brisbane players combined with seven country representatives in Queensland's bid to extract revenge for last years loss in the final to NSW.

Mayes, a Brisbane physical education teacher said "I believe we have a stronger squad this year as a lot of the boys have gained experience in previous years titles."

Indeed several of the players are well known names in Queensland soccer, including four players from Brisbane Lions. David Hunter, their National League defender, is one of the experienced players coach Mayes is looking to for leadership qualities.

His Oxley High School and club teammate Andy Jones is another tough defender, while Richard Van Wynn, the red-haired midfielder dynamo, and goalkeeper Jason Kearton are promising prospects in the Lions den.

Cameron Pearce, North Star's Premier League defender was man of the match in the recent Ampol Cup final and his skilful distribution and frequent overlapping will prove of great benefit to the team.

But the talent alone is not confined to the Brisbane area as several of the country players are highly credentialled.

Talented goalkeeper Graham Ross from Heatley High School in Townsville earned his place in the Australian Select team last year as did another Townsville student Dale Dawes.

Dale was also a member of the victorious State Youth team this year.

Scott Bell from Logan City is also a former Australian Select junior while Wayne Oliveri was described by coach

Mayes as "An exciting striker who was definitely the player of the carnival in the State titles."

To add European experience to the squad is Jan Weichmann, an exchange student from West Germany. Mayes said, "He is a very talented player and we're expecting big things from him."

While the other players may not be as well known, Geoff Mayes is certain their training preparations will ensure every player proves a vital link in Queensland's bid for the title.

The full squad is—

Graham Ross, Jason Kearton, Andy Jones, David Hunter, Robert Hoffman, Cameron Pearce, Richard Van Wynn, Scott Bell, Dale Dawes, Colin Junna, Paul Petersen, Lawrence Carswell, Wayne Oliveri, Jan Weichmann, Ivan Quinteri, Enzo Dagastino.

NORTH STAR RETAIN AMPOL CUP

NORTH STAR continued their run of cup success with a decisive 5-0 victory over Sunnyside United in the \$15,000 Ampol Cup final at Perry Park.

Last year it was an upset 2-1 defeat of Brisbane Lions that won the trophy for the first time in the clubs' history.

There was no upset this year though as the Premier League outfit threw aside the challenge of the Intermediate League giant-killers Sunnyside with some champagne football.

Player-coach, Ian Fagan, said "Knockout football seems to suit us. It's a one off game which we have showed we are good at."

Indeed the game was played in an atmosphere that was conducive to good football with the large crowd providing enthusiastic support.

The pre-game festivities were spectacular with displays by the North Star junior players matched by the colourful Croatian dancers setting the scene and exciting the crowd.

Sunnyside had earned the right to contest the final after stringing together some impressive victories in the qualifying rounds. Not only did they defeat one of the

top Premier League teams, Taringa Rovers, but they skilfully disposed of both of the top country representatives, North Queensland Federation and the Bundaberg Federation.

They started the final impressively and were presented with two good goalscoring chances early on but speedy striker John Miranda was unable to beat North Star's talented goalkeeper, Noel Lord.

However, a 14 minute spell of devastating football demoralised Sunnyside. It was a period of brilliant skill, intelligent running and precision passing from the North Star players that culminated in four goals.

The first goal came in the 23rd minute when some excellent crossfield passing movements resulted in midfielder Mickey Tripp scoring from an acute angle.

It was only four minutes later that Tripp scored again, this time the result of a move commenced just outside his own penalty area by player-coach Ian Fagan

and involving seven players in a superb build up.

Sunnyside coach, Tony Lowndes, urged his players to slow the game down and reorganise but before they could establish any sort of fluency, the Stars had struck again.

The third goal came in the 30th minute when a good run on the left by Mickey Tripp again caused concern in the hesitant defence. This time his cross was laid off by Ross Swan for the advancing Paul Fagan to drive home off the inside of the upright.

To add insult to injury, Fagan scored again six minutes later when his cracking drive from the edge of the box beat the diving Carl Spruce.

Unfortunately for Sunnyside their experienced defence had simply been unable to come to terms with the mobility and skill of the holders offensive raids.

Indeed their keeper Carl Spruce must have been wondering where the next rocket was coming from as any lackadaisical defence was

punished by powerful drives.

The second half became a formality with North Star satisfied to cruise to victory with Sunnyside too far behind to bridge the gap.

Talented young full-back Cameron Pearce capped a fine performance when he scored in the 75th minute after another of his overlapping runs in support of his forwards.

The 17-year-old was one candidate for man of the match in which several youngsters shined.

For Sunnyside their 18-year-old striker Ringo Mejais showed good ball skills while keeper Spruce prevented an avalanche.

North Star coach Ian Fagan is proud of the young talent at the club and said, "They can keep us at the top for many years."

Apart from Pearce, Paul Fagan, Ross Swan and Noel Lord showed they will be a force for many years.

Ian Fagan's squad also boasts youth representative stars Lindsay Dines, Steve Rowell and Craig McColl.

STOWELL SETS PACE

STATE coach, Bruce Stowell, has been putting his Under 16 squad through some intensive training sessions for the National U16 Championships in Melbourne.

Whilst conceding that Victoria will start favourites for the title, Bruce Stowell said: "Our kids show great maturity and if they play together as a team, they can get the results."

The full squad is as follows—

Matthew Geisberts, John Caric and Darren Mair (North Star), Damien Butler (Ipswich), Craig Donsky and Alan Simseker (Brisbane Lions), Jason Burns (Redlands), Daniel Ibanez (Acacia Ridge), Scott Rackley, Justin Kilshaw, Peter Fleming and Jason Milligan (Grange

Thistle), Tiziano Morosini (Gold Coast), Matthew Brice (Sunshine Coast), Stephen Benyon (Cairns), and Neal Cotgrove (Townsville).

The 16 man Queensland squad illustrates the depth of two of our leading clubs, Grange Thistle and North Star, who between them have provided seven players.

The squad contains two players who have featured in the Premier League this year - our Australian representative Damien Butler from Ipswich and Daniel Ibanez from Acacia Ridge.



GRAHAM ARNOLD

BIG PRE-SEASON

BRISBANE LIONS will extend invitations to National League clubs Marconi and Sydney Croatia to contest their pre-season Silver Foot competition early next year.

The competition will carry \$5,000 prizemoney and at this stage Lions are hoping it can be staged in February.

However, the final decision on the timing aspect lies with the Queensland Soccer Federation management committee.

"The Sydney clubs availability will depend on the dates given," Lions secretary Lawrence Oudendyk said.

Already the prospect of seeing these two top sides in action against our home town heroes has excited soccer followers in Brisbane. Marconi have always been one of the big names and one of the

glamour teams capable of attracting huge support.

The team that has excited everyone this year is, of course, Sydney Croatia and thanks to the expansion of SBS television, Brisbane viewers have been able to admire the talents of Patikas, Arnold and Co.

Sydney Croatia could expect a warm welcome if they played here, as no doubt the huge Croatian support of Brisbane's Sunnyside United would display.

Hopefully the Q.S.F. will sanction the competition and allow it to go ahead at whatever time is most suitable for all clubs involved.

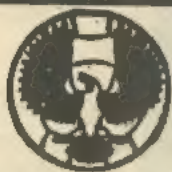


Brisbane Lions in action — set to take on Marconi and Croatia
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Mark Jankovics — will he play in pre-season with Marconi in Brisbane?

ON THE GRAPEVINE



WITH TOM McKAIN



NOT A FAN OF THE PLAY-OFF SYSTEM

COACHES Eddie Thomson and Len McKendry had similar nightmares the other night—the former dreamt that St. George had won the Northern Division top five play-offs and McKendry “saw” Preston winning the Southern Division play-offs.

No, they didn't really, but the thought does highlight the farcical situation where two teams which finish fifth in their leagues can end up as champions, and one could be Australian champion.

Preston and St. George were the lesser lights in the South and North, and as it was Preston almost pulled off a win before Brunswick Juventus, who finished second to South Melbourne, won the Grand Final of the Southern Division.

As it is South has ended the season as an also-ran, having slogged out 22 games only to find they are not the Southern champions and did not get a tilt at Northern supremos Sydney City.

This is the only soccer country in the world which has a play-off system.

We can understand the economics of the play-offs, and they have proved a real money-spinner, but surely there must be another way to end the season with a flourish.

Little SA has a highly successful end to its State League season, with the top club taking the League title, then the top four clubs playing for the Coca-Cola Top Four Cup, a different competition.

Then comes the recently launched Premier Cup for the top eight teams, with the clubs playing two legs, home and away.

Surely a similar system could be introduced to the NSL.

Let the division champions hold their league titles, and let them meet in a final showdown to see who is Australian champion.

If the NSL is looking for a money-generating end to the year then run a new contest and not remove the glory the clubs have strived for all season.

There has been a whisper that the play-off format will be changed for 1988, but the rumors are as farcical as the present set-up.

Word is that the top team will go straight into the grand final, while the other four become in-

involved in play-offs to find an opponent for the “champion”.

Then there is a suggestion that only the top two clubs in each division will meet to decide the title.

Whatever is decided, it is to be hoped that we don't have the situation which could have evolved this year Preston, showing 24 points to South's 33, in with a chance of being declared the premier team.

And in Sydney, Saints, with 22 points as against Sydney City's 35, a possible champion.



Len McKendry, speaking out.



Eddie Thomson, savouring victory

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

BY PHIL MURPHY

ILLAWARRA soccer has its problems from time to time but the Bampton Cup final between Fernhill and Warilla Wanderers was a great advertisement for the code down south.

The game was level 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes and the teams could still not be separated in extra time so a penalty shoot-out was ordered.

Even then they were locked together 4-4 and Fernhill eventually scraped home sudden death 8-7 when under 19 player Tony Bain found the net.

Earlier Warilla's penalty king Robert Hernandez put their first kick over the crossbar.

This gave Keith Roser the chance to win the game for Fernhill with kick number five but he also shot too high.

In the game itself, Neil Sutherland put Fernhill ahead with a free kick from well out on the left but Joe Gomez equalised for Warilla with a header before half-time.

After winning the championship and grand final last season, Fernhill added to their coffers by taking the \$1500 first prize which goes with the Bampton Cup.

Man of the match was 18-year-old Warilla defender Beau Muzik, who gained the award just ahead of Fernhill duo Sutherland and Roser.

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Wollongong Macedonia coach John Bingham deserved the success which came with his team's promotion to the Skypak State league but he didn't handle the celebrations too well.

Macedonia clinched promotion on a Saturday, beating Yugal 1-0 in Sydney but the snag was they had to play North Bankstown at home the day after.

Early on Sunday morning Bingham was doing the rounds trying to locate his boots which he “misaid” the previous evening.

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Fairy Meadow finally found the way to goal — all too late.

John Fleming's team handed the State league title to Canterbury “on a platter” after losing successive home games to Polonia and Auburn without scoring a goal.

They would up the season by thrashing Bankstown 7-2, striker Steve Baker grabbing a hat-trick.

Baker scored his third goal in the last minute and it was his 100th since joining the club.

Fleming is now hoping his players continue getting goals when they meet Canterbury in this weekend's semi-final.

He could persevere with full-back Reg Chilby up front as Chilby knocked in two goals against Bankstown and added a touch of aggression to the attack.

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Balgownie had a big day in the first division semi-finals which were played at Wetheral Park — winning all three grades without conceding a goal.

They won the first grade match against AGA Germania 3-0 to qualify for the final.

The reserves and under 19's both got through to their grand finals with 1-0 victories.

Coached by Phil Boreland, the Balgownie under 19 side have gone through the season unbeaten and conceded just five goals.

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Kevin Keegan and Ray Clemence celebrate European Cup success in 1977.

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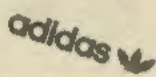
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DEZ MARTON'S TESTIMONIAL

DEZ MARTON, easily one of the best players to have come to Australia, not to mention one of the most consistent goalscorers over the last five years, at the age of 37 is seeing his entertaining career coming to an end.

St George Budapest Soccer club, is staging a testimonial match next Wednesday night for their favourite warrior in recognition for his magnificent achievements and services he has given the club.

A "Dez Marton XI" will play Australia's World Cup team at the St George Stadium on Wednesday night, kick-off being 7.30 pm.

Dez told A.S.W. last night:

"They have been most wonderful years and I still feel I can offer Soccer a lot more."

Marton came to Australia late in 1980 to join the Saints who that year suffered the indignity of relegation.

In the NSW State League competition in 1981, Marton's magic immediately blazed the way up the goalscoring charts with a flood of goals to help lift St George back into the N.S.L.

The same year, Dez won the prestigious Rothmans Medal for his incredible feats.

Operating as a slow

ball-playing left striker, Dez would beat man after man, get himself inside the box before letting fly with his deadly left foot at the target.

But the St George

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

No11 wasn't finished yet.

In 1983, mainly due to his avalanche of goals, Dez helped win the NSL Championship for the Saints.

And if that wasn't enough, in the Grand Final Dez Marton torpedoed almost single handed, arch rivals Sydney City when the Saints won 3-1.

Marton's small contribution to that Grand Final was a memorable hat-trick.

Dez became a crowd favourite almost immediately. He entertained the grandstands with sheer skills and deadly vision.

On Wednesday night, Soccer lovers will turn out to see this veteran entertainer lead out a team he has selected himself, which includes:

Gary Meier, Vedran Rozic, Bruno Vidaic, Peter Raskopoulos, Mark Jankovics, Robbie Wheatley, Phil O'Connor, Robbie Slater, Robbie O'Shea

This year, Dez played for much of the season with relegation-threatened Wollongong as a midfielder, not striker.

His enormous experience, intelligent distribution and encouragement to Adrian Alston's raw youngsters, lifted Wollongong City from the clutches of relegation.



DEZ MARTON

Marton again did his job.

Wednesday night at 7.30pm at the St George Stadium is the time and place that we as Soccer lovers can say "thanks" to this thorough gentleman and dedicated professional.

Dez, thanks for the memories.
It's been wonderful.



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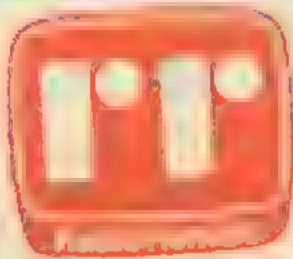
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NSW — ASPA PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS DINNER



PATIKAS AND HUMMEL

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

JIMMY PATIKAS and Chris Hummel were the 1985 declared winners of the NSW-ASPA Awards staged last Friday evening at the Sydney Olympic Soccer club.

And what a job it was this year that the "Australian Soccer Press Association" members had to decide the winner.

Marshall Soper, Vedran Rozic, David Ratcliffe, John Kosmina, Mark Jankovics, Anthony Franken, Zarko Odzakovic, Chris Kalantzis, Grant Lee, Alex Robertson, Peter Tredinnick, Graham Arnold and Gary Meier, just to name a few, all polled well.

Jimmy Patikas was awarded the "ASPA-

Player Of The Year" trophy together with the magnificent prize, valued at \$500 and sponsored by Radio Rentals, the Funai 3000H Compact Laser Disc Player, the most modern piece of equipment in accoustics.

"It is a great honour to receive this award and I thank my team-mates, but above all a special person who helped me so much this year to lift my game.

"I'm referring to my coach at Sydney Croatia, Vedran Rozic," Patikas

told the audience at the Awards Dinner.

Patikas was presented with his trophy and Laser Disc Player by last year's NSW-ASPA Player Of The Year, Peter Raskopoulos.

Added to his newly acquired treasures, Jimmy Patikas will receive a copy of the video that was shot of the evening's presentation, another bonus set up and supplied by the firm Radio Rentals.

RADIO RENTALS

The giant electronics English firm, Radio Rentals, has once again involved itself in Soccer here in Australia as it has overseas.

Radio Rentals has for the last three years sponsored the ASPA Player

terbury Marrickville Olympic, took out the "ASPA-NSW Under 21" Award.

Chris received the "Under 21" perpetual trophy, plus another magnificent custom-made trophy.

This award was presented by Australia's World Cup coach, Frank Arok.

PAST A.S.P.A. WINNERS

1976 Doug Utjesanovic-St George BSC.

1977 Jimmy Rooney-Apia.

1978 Peter Stone-St George BSC.

1979 Ivo Prskalo-Marconi.

1980 Peter Sharne-Marconi.

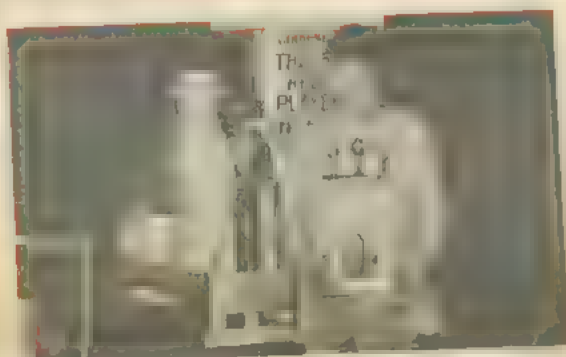
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1982 Joe Watson-Sydney City.

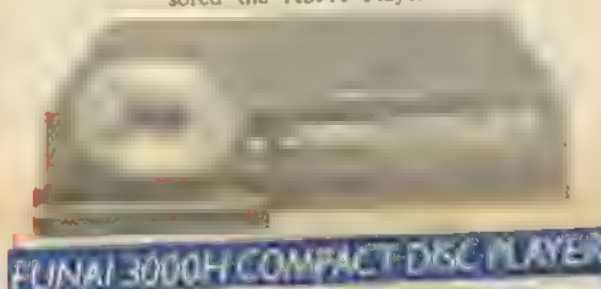
1983 Phil O'Connor-Wollongong City.

1984 Peter Raskopoulos-Sydney Olympic.

1985 Jimmy Patikas-Sydney Croatia.



Jim Patikas and Chris Hummel together after their successes.



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Of The Year Award in NSW.

The first year was in 1983 when Wollongong City's Phil O'Connor as well as his trophy, received a portable coloured T.V.

Last year, Peter Raskopoulos took possession of a magnificent Hi-Fi Combination set.

Mr Kim Ward, Radio Rentals marketing manager told us:

"Again we are proud and have the pleasure to be associated with this prestigious Soccer Award.

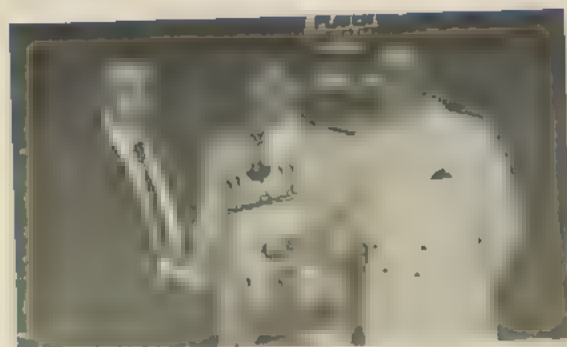
"On behalf of our firm Radio Rentals, I would like to congratulate Mr Jimmy Patikas for his very fine effort."

"Under 21 Player Award"

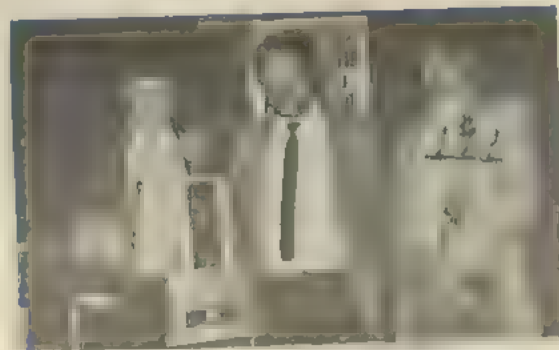
Chris Hummel, former Australian World Youth goalkeeper, currently playing with Can-



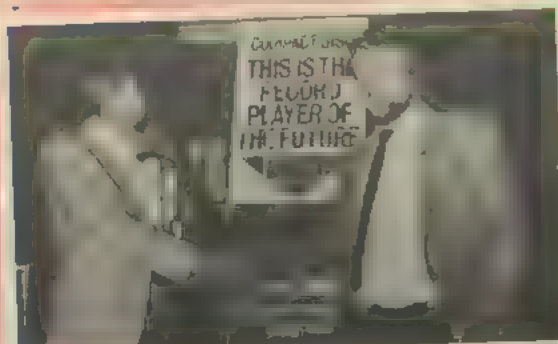
Chris Hummel (the under 21 ASPA Player of the Year) is pictured with National coach Frank Arok and ASPA Player of the Year Jim Patikas.



ASPA Player of the Year Jim Patikas pictured with ASW's editor Frank Coletta and ASPA secretary John Economos



Hummel and Patikas together with Kim Ward with Radio Rentals.



Jim Patikas is congratulated by Radio Rentals representative Kim Ward after winning the ASPA Player of the Year Award.



Radio Rentals TV-Video



INAUGURAL ROTHMANS NSL SPECTACULAR AT SHERATON-WENTWORTH



BY FRANK COLETTA

THE RUGBY codes have had their turn, now it is time for the round ball code to have their Rothmans medal night.

This Friday night at the Grand Ballroom of Sydney's Sheraton-Wentworth Hotel the inaugural Rothmans medal in the National League will be decided. Already the NSW Rugby League medal has gone to Balmain's lock-forward and skipper, Wayne Pearce and the Rugby Union medal was scooped up by Manly Warringah half-back Phillip Cox.

Who will take out the first NSL soccer medalion for Best and Fairest is anyone's guess but it must be remembered no player having been sent from the field of play this year is eligible.

Of course this is not Rothmans only involvement in Australian soccer, they also sponsor the State League Rothmans medal which has been going for nearly 20 years and this year's event will be on Monday September 16.

As League had the much esteemed Johnny Raper as guest presenter, soccer will have the former Arsenal manager Terry Neill.

The former Arsenal and Northern Ireland international will first attend a special media function at the Sheraton-Wentworth on the September 12, the day before the presentation.

The winner will be a good and hard yet fair player.

There are many players in the running understandably but the one who will carry off the award should come from this group.

Robbie Dunn

(Preston), Paul Carter (Marconi), Charlie Egan (South Melbourne), Anthony Franken (Canberra), Mark Jankovics (Marconi), David Lowe

(Marconi), Richard Miranda (Brunswick), Zarko Odzakovic (Sydney Croatia), Jim Patikas (Sydney Croatia), Mike Petersen (Brunswick), Steve

Smith (Preston), Peter Tredinnick (Marconi), Robbie Wheatley (Blacktown).

— ASW EDITOR
FRANK COLETTA



Belmain captain Wayne Pearce is congratulated on his Rothmans Medal win in Sydney last week by another great lock, former St George champion, Johnny Raper.

ROTHMANS STEP UP INTO NSL

BY DAVID JACK

ROTHMANS OF PALL MALL have taken a big step into top soccer this year by awarding a gold medal to the best and fairest player in the Olympic Airways National League - for the first time.

For many years, it has seemed incongruous that the magnificent medal award had to be restricted to State League competition.

In other football codes, the winner of the Rothmans Medal was entitled to be rated top man in his sport.

In soccer, however, this was not so.

As the game's power base shifted from state to national competition, many of the players in the running for the Medal were comparatively unknown, because they did not play in the top competition.

Some were kids just making an early impact on soccer and some were former National League players, who had slipped down in class as they neared the veteran stage.

Rothmans have been aware of this unsatisfactory state of affairs for some time but remained loyal to the State Federations in view of the long association they have enjoyed with them.

It was clearly only a matter of time before NSL players qualified

for the Rothmans Medal and the big break through has come this year.

Although this represents a complete change of policy, Rothmans refused to dump the State League... which is why, in 1985, there will be TWO Rothmans Medal awards.

At a time when tobacco

companies are coping flak from all sides and when there are any number of wowers attempting to completely outlaw cigarette smoking, we should not forget the outstanding support a company like Rothmans consistently gives to many different sports.

The Medal presentations are important, of course, but even more important is the assistance given to coaching by Rothmans Sport Foundation.

Over the years, thousands of dollars have been poured into a variety of sports by the Foundation, so capably looked after by former Test cricket all-rounder Alan Davidson.

It will be a sad day for soccer, and other sports, when Rothmans decide to bow out of their so-valuable involvement.

Let us hope it never happens.



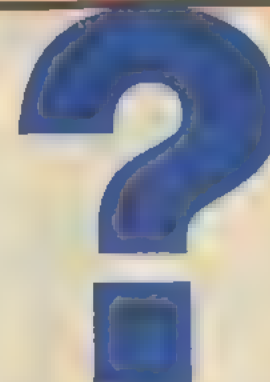
Robbie Wheatley... holding aloft the Ampol Cup. Will he be holding up the Rothmans Medal on Friday night?



WAYNE PEARCE



Phillip Cox



**WHO WILL CARRY OFF THE
INAUGURAL NSL ROTHMANS
SOCCER MEDAL**





- 1—Waiting anxiously in support as Sepp Meier takes a cross, 1974 West Germany.
- 2—Chaired off after taking out the State League Grand Final in 1973, 2-1 v Hakoah.
- 3—1971, Richards sends the Moscow Dynamo keeper Balyasnikov the wrong way with a penalty for NSW at the Sports Ground.
- 4—1972—Chaired off again by jubilant supporters after winning the Grand Final at the Sports Ground against St George.
- 5—Rising up to flick on a corner against Leichhardt for Marconi in 1978.
- 6—Holding the State Cup aloft after the 1973 Grand Final.

'OZ HEROES OF THE PAST'

RAY RICHARDS was and is still known as the man with the long throw. His ability to hurl the ball from the touchline almost to the far post gave Australia a corner-kick situation every time the ball went out in the attacking zone.

Richards arrived in Australia in 1963 and settled in Queensland where he played centre-forward with Latrobe and Hollandia. He represented Queensland from 1964 to 1968, including games against Everton and Moscow Torpedo.

He moved to Sydney and had a brief spell with Croatia where he was injured. After an enforced lay-off he transferred to Marconi in 1969 and was picked for NSW the same year.

Richards played his first game for Australia as a substitute for Tommy McColl against New Zealand during the Asian tour of 1967, also playing in four other matches and scoring a goal in the 8-1 victory over Combined Services of Singapore.

Later he was a forgotten man until Rale Rasic chose him to go on the 1970 World tour. It was on this tour that he established himself as an indispensable part of the national team.

One of the highlights of his career was marking the great Pele in Australia's 2-2 draw with Santos in Sydney in 1972.

Richards' last match for Australia was in its 0-4 loss to Manchester United in 1975.

— FRANK COLETTA.

JUNIOR SCENE

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NSW U/13 TEAM



The NSW Under 13 State squad pictured with their coach Greg Ankudinoff, Frank Wilson (trainer) and Terry Coates (manager).

NSW U/14 TEAM



The NSW Under 14 State squad pictured with their coach Maxwell Groll, Ian Lloyd (trainer) and John Hedison (manager).

NSW U/15 TEAM



The NSW Under 15 State squad pictured with their coach John Haynes, John Hughes (trainer) and Harris Denning (manager).



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TONY RACITI

TRIBUTE TO OUR 1985 NSW JUNIOR STATE SQUADS

1. Mark Bosnich Marconi, 3. Patrick Bradley Granville, 4. Jason Cachia Sydney City, 5. Adam Ciantar Marconi, 6. Mathew Curmi Marconi, 7. Remyale Galloway Canterbury, 8. Adam Haggag Granville, 9. Andrew Hinchliffe Baulkham Hills, 10. Paul Okon Marconi vice-captain, 11. John Pazio Sydney Olympic, 12. Eddie Pervan Marconi, 13. John Rancic Marconi, 14. David Seal Nepean, 15. George Sorras Sydney Olympic captain, 16. Scott Smith Sydney Olympic, Greg Ankudinoff — Coach, Frank Wilson — Trainer, Terry Coates — Manager.

1. Tony Marco Apia Leichhardt, U/13 1984, 2. Chris Eliades St George, U/13 1984, 3. Kerry Agiasotis Sydney Olympic, U/13 1984, 4. Scott Kell Sutherland, U/13 1984, 5. Phillip Walker Sutherland U/13 1984, 6. Mathew Bingley Melita Captain, U/13 1984, 7. Michael Tsingolis Sydney Olympic, U/13 1984, 8. Alex Araujo Baulkham Hills, 9. Stephane Jee St George vice-captain, U/13 1984, 10. Ron Heaps Melita U/13 1984, 11. John Cosentino Apia Leichhardt, 12. Paul Rago Melita U/13 1984, 13. Greg Dickenson Melita U/13 1984, 14. Samne Mounarath Sydney Olympic, U/13 1984, 15. David Roberts Illawarra, U/13 1984, 16. Mitch Ioannoy St George U/13 1984, Maxwell Groll — Coach, Ian Lloyd — Trainer, John Hedison — Manager.

1. Piero Brisa Marconi, U/14 1984, 2. Mineo Bonetti Illawarra U/13 1983, U/14 1984, 3. Steve Dimoudis St George U/13 1983, U/14 1984, 4. Steve Georgakias Sydney Olympic U/13 1983, U/14 1984, 5. John Gibson St George U/13 1983, U/14 1984, 6. Andrew Long Sutherland vice-captain U/13 1983, 7. Zoran Noumovski St George captain U/13 1983, U/14 1984, 8. Ian Padewski Illawarra U/13 1983, U/14 1984, 9. Daryl Pidcock Nth Bankstown, 10. Steve Refenes Sydney Olympic U/14 1984, 11. Giuseppe Russo Apia Leichhardt U/13 1983, U/14 1984, 12. Gareth Smith Sydney City U/13 1983, 13. Darren Sullivan Southern Districts, 14. Mathew Toohey Nepean U/13 1983, U/14 1984, 15. Louis Tnantafyllou Sydney Olympic, 16. Lucas Ciapponi Marconi.

SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE



A TOTAL of \$1,000 in prizemoney is being awarded by leading Sydney polythene distributors Serderon Pty Ltd.

The split-up is a first prize of \$500, second \$250, third and fourth \$100 each and a consolation prize of \$50.

The prizes go to the five lucky junior associations, clubs, schools and soccer organisations who make the best contributions to AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY over the publishing period this year to September 30.

Contribution can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white although colour snaps are usually satisfactory as well.

The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.

JUNIORS AUGUR BRIGHT FUTURE FOR SYDNEY CROATIA'S YOUTH

CROATIA's move to the Canterbury District seems to be paying dividends already, with their 3 junior teams, the U/9, U/11 and U/12, all winning their respective premierships.

To give the club the unique record of 100% success in that district in 1985.

One highlight of this success was the U/12 Premiership winners who defeated the highly rated Apia-Leichhardt U/12 team, which will be the basis of their U/13 Div.1. Youth League Squad in 1986, in both the semi-final and grand-final.

This will surely give Sydney-Croatia's Super

Youth Development Scheme a great start, by providing some very fine youngsters to form the nucleus of the Club U/13 Youth League Squad in 1986.

The victorious U/9 team which is coached by Davor Rozic and managed by Mile Galic went through their competition undefeated, winning 19 games and drawing only 1 with a goal record of 105 goals for

and only 13 against

In the finals Croatia's U/9's defeated Belmore 2-1 in the semi-final and again Belmore 2-1 in the Grand Final. The leading goalscorer for the team was Paul Bilokapic, who was able to find the net 39 times this season.

The players and officials involved with the U/9 team were as follows



Front Row: Nikola Lovrencic, Roko Hero, Sandy Rogic, Tamas Karakaidos, Marko Vrkic, Daniel Lovric, Marijan Galic. Back Row: Manager — Mile Galic, Marijan Brdic, Sydney Rogic, Paul Bilokapic, Tony Bockovic, Tony Elek, Coach — Davor Rozic.

A great ex-Sydney Croatia player, Maurice Sullivan has been the guiding light behind the development of Croatia's successful U/12 squad. Maurice has spent 3 seasons moulding some very fine youngsters into a successful team unit. In 1983 the team was runner-up to Earlwood after going down 2-1 in the grand final.

In 1984 as U/11's the team finished equal on points with Earlwood and then proceeded to win a play-off 1-0 and move on to represent Canterbury in the NSW Champion of Champions Competition. The team excellent itself in this competition, winning all preliminary games through to the final which they lost to Marconi.

The 1985 season was

again a very successful year for this team, but due to injuries the team finished one point behind the minor premiers Apia-Leichhardt, thus Croatia lost it's chance to go one step further in the Champion of Champions competition.

With the full squad again available for the finals, Croatia proved to be a fair better side any other in Canterbury. In the semi-final and Grand Final, playing with great

skill and teamwork, Sydney Croatia had no trouble in defeating Apia-Leichhardt 5-2 and 3-1 respectively.

Overall during the season Maurice Sullivan's squad amassed 107 goals with only 19 against and centre forward Matthew Zetz being top scorer with 37 goals.

Now begins the trials

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and preparation for the
squad's entry into the

Youth League in 1986
and with such a back-
ground the Sydney
Croatia's Super Youth
Development Scheme

can be assured of almost
instant success

The U/12 team and
officials as per the photo-
graph are as follows

(Left to Right) Back Row: Maurice Sullivan (coach); Marko Stojic, Tomi Simurina, Robert Bazina, Robert Hanzek, Mathew Zec, Gare Deprato, Jure Stojic.
Front Row: Jon Bozic, Mirko Jurili, Ante Zizic, Tarek Houchar, Josip Ivankovic, Robert Miskovic, Toni Kvesic.



Croatia's most im-
proved team over the
season was the U/11
side which was coached
by none other than pre-
sent National League
player Wally Savor.

This was the team's
first season together and
in the competition prop-
er they finished third.

In the elimination
semi-final Sydney

Croatia met the Belmore
'A' team and in a close
fought match Croatia
came out 1-0 winner thus
progressing to the final.

At this stage the team
really hit its straps and
gave Marrickville very
little chance to win 3-1.

The Grand Final play-
ed in fine conditions
against the Youth New-
man U/11's. Coach

Wally Savor planned
team tactics to perfection
and Croatia again played
well and thoroughly de-
served their 2-0 victory.

During the season the
U/11 scored 28 goals
with 12 against. The
leading scorer was Bozo
Simunic with 16 goals.

Players and coaches
involved with this squad
in 1985 were (as per
photograph):

(Left to Right) Back Row: Coach Wally Savor, Drago Lisica, John Sincek, Zeljko Aleksic, assistant man. — Ante Bilokapic, Jerry Bilokapic, Bernard Pintaric, Marko Lisica, Manager — Mick Sekulic.
Front Row: Krsto Bugarija, Michael Sincek, Ante Lovrencic, Capt. Tony Sekulic, Ante Matek, Robert Lovrencic, Bozo Simunic, Roko Kinda.



NSWASF SHOULD BE PROUD

THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation can be proud of their efforts in organising the various State sides in a manner of professionalism that at times cannot be matched by their senior counterparts.

The State sides have
been given every
opportunity to perform at
their very best level, as
the NSWASF have orga-
nised to perfection the
co-ordination of the State
squads.

Admittedly, quite a
number of players who
deserved to be selected
missed out.

This was due to the
fact that the State coaches
have to choose from up
to 450 players, and in the
end only 16 can make
the final squad.

Obviously this State
possesses enough quality
players to form three
squads in each division
of equal ability.

But unfortunately in
the long run the coach
has the agonising task of
having to leave quite a
number of boys out, who
have the ability to make
a State side.

Within the junior
ranks, for as long as I
can remember, there
have been rumblings in
many circles that State
sides are not chosen cor-
rectly.

At times this may hap-
pen, but in the end it is
up to the coach in charge
to make the decisions,
and in the long run, the
coach obviously cannot
please everyone con-
sidering the mammoth
number of players from
which he has to choose
from.

Therefore those peo-
ple who criticise, should
stop and think about the
difficult task assigned to
the coach.

We all value a player's
ability in a different
manner, and as such no
two coaches would pick
an identical squad.

Bearing this in mind,
in the long run, the aim

should be for the boys
chosen to be supported
by everyone involved in
the code.

NSW Amateur Soccer
Federation president Ian
Holmes said this week
that never before in the
history of the game of
Soccer in Australia has
so much rested on the
shoulders of our youth to
bring back credibility to
the code.

"I and the other offi-
cials within the State
Amateur Federation have
a dream for Aus-
tralian Soccer," Ian said.

"That dream is for a
young Socceroo team to
be world champions by
the end of this century.

"The players in our
State teams have the in-
tellect, pride and skill,
which if combined with
the two basic values of
work and dedication,
can make this dream
come true."

GOMEZ GIVES REDFERN A LIFT

SYDNEY CITY and Socceroo defender
Gerry Gomez recently gave his time in
steering the Redfern Under 12s to
victory over St Spyridon, to clinch the
premiership.

Redfern were running
second in their local
competition, one point
behind the leaders, St
Spyridon, with one
match to be played. In
the all important last
round, Redfern, with the
aid of a pre-match pep
talk from Gerry Gomez,
went on to win the game
to the tune of 3-0.

Before the match the
Redfern coach, Joe
Bogenhuber, spotted
Gomez on the ground
and asked if the Socceroo
could give the boys a
talk.

"I was surprised when
Gerry accepted, he was
very nice and obliging,"
Joe said.

"Gerry gave the boys
a few tips on the game,
and they were simply
over the moon.

"What a great inspira-
tion Gerry was just prior
to such an important
match.

"Gerry is such a
gentleman, and it is play-
ers like him that will help
to develop the game in
this country."

REDFERN UNDER 12'S



The Redfern youngsters all smiles after their
inspiring triumph over St Spyridon.

THE UNDER 13 STATE SQUAD



ANDREW HINCHLIFFE



SCOTT SMITH



GEORGE SORRAS



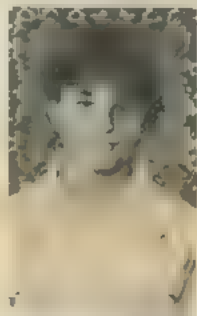
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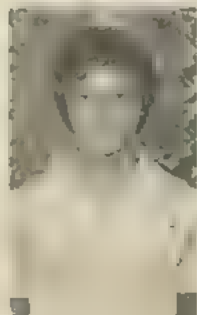
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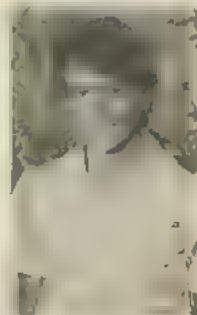
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THE UNDER 14 STATE SQUAD



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SAMNE MOUNARATH



GREG DICKENSON



JOHN COSENTINO



TONY MARCO



CHRIS ELIADES



KERRY AGIASOTIS



SCOTT KELL



PHILLIP WALKER



MATHEW BINGLEY MICHAEL TSINGOLIS ALEX ARAUJO RON HEEPS STEPHANE JEE



PAUL RAGO ZORAN NOUMOVSKI (Capt. of U/15)

WARRINGAH SOCCER CLUB

Applications are invited for coaching positions for the 1986 season.
State League Division One, 1st Grade, 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade.
Applications in writing stating qualifications, to the Secretary at 30 Bungoona Avenue, Elanora, NSW 2101.

THE UNDER 15 STATE SQUAD



GARETH SMITH DARREN SULLIVAN IAN PADEWSKI ANDREW LONG DARYL PIDCOCK
JOHN GIBSON STEVE REFENES GIUSEPPE RUSSO PIERO BRISA LUCAS CIAPPONI
MINEO BONETIG LOUIS TRIANTAFYLLOU STEVE DIMOUDIS STEVE GEORGAKIS MATHEW TOOHEY

MELITA EAGLES SOCCER CLUB

Group 1 YOUTH LEAGUE TRAILS

WILL BE HELD ON
15th, 22nd, 29th September
and 6th of October
AT
EVERLEY PARK
Everley Rd, Sth Granville
CONTACT — E. Gill
Phone 631 8050

APIA YOUTH LEAGUE TRIALS

NSW leading Youth League club invites players to trial for Division One
Trials for Under 13s, 14s, 15s and 16s to be held at Timbrell Park Five Dock, commencing at 5pm

The dates are as follows,
Thursday October 10,
Tuesday October 14,
Thursday October 17,
Tuesday October 21,
Thursday October 24.
Please contact club for any information on 799 8997 or 798 4122

SOCCER HANDBOOK FOR JUNIOR COACHES

THE NSW Amateur Soccer Federation has just published a superb booklet to aid junior coaches in their efforts in coaching a side.

With the kind permission of the NSWASF ASW each week will publish one chapter from the six chapters, in the 46 page booklet.
In this issue we take a look at the booklet's foreword and chapter one, which features why children play and the coach's skill

SETTING YOUR GOALS

Why children play:

- Children play to:
- Have fun.
 - Learn new skills.
 - Be with friends.

One of the most important decisions you will make as a coach concerns the objectives you seek. Most sport authorities recognise three major objectives:

1. To have a winning team.
2. To have fun — both coach and players.
3. To help young people develop:
 - (a) Physically, by learning sports skills to improve physical conditioning, developing good health habits and avoiding injuries.
 - (b) Psychologically, by learning to control emotions and by developing feelings of self-worth.
 - (c) Socially by learning how to co-operate in a competitive context and by learning appropriate standards of behaviour — (sportsmanship).

Which of these objectives is important to you? Winning? Having fun? Helping children develop? Perhaps you believe all three are important.

Coaches often have to decide whether they will pursue victory at the possible expense of the young athlete's well-being or development. What will be your priorities?

Winning is important in sports. And winning can be kept in perspective when adults recognize that the process of striving to win can bring out the best in young people — in their performance, commitment and moral development.

For sports to provide these benefits, it is vital that you maintain a proper perspective about winning.

Athletes first, winning second.

Children and youth play to win, but this is not their prime reason for becoming involved in sports. Remember, the opinions of children are very important and the best way to learn likes and dislikes of children and youth in sport is to openly discuss with them their expectations, experiences and responsibilities.

THE COACH'S SKILL

The coach should approach each training session and game in much the same way as children do — it must be fun

There is no need for training to be hard and boring. Action can start as soon as players arrive at practice, by planning it in such a way that fundamental skills are developed through fun-drills, games and varying degrees of competitive pressure

Practice should be fun.

Knowing

The greater coach's knowledge the more chance he or she has of being effective.

Organizing

- Prepare the session beforehand. Do not try to incorporate ideas as you go along.
- Be early at the venue so that appropriate equipment and marking can be organized.
- Be ready to greet performers as they arrive.
- Get performers into action quickly without long verbal explanations.
- Ensure the first activity is an "active" one.

Observing

- Stand back and watch what is happening. If you are "involved" with the group you will not see anything. You can also get in the way.
- Watch for faults — but do not stop the group unless they recur.
- Watch for quality of performance — it can be used as a good example
- Note whether faults are common to all groups or just to "isolated" performers.
- Be prepared to take notes, if necessary.

Coaching

- Always demonstrate what is required — avoid isolated verbal discussion. If you are unable to demonstrate personally, pick the right person in the group to do so for you.
- Get the performers to understand the coaches "language", e.g. STOP... CAN YOU DO THIS... WATCH ME... CONCENTRATE ON THIS... STAND STILL
- Instil into the performer that everyone can improve — however small that improvement may be.
- Insist on quality of performance and see that you own is maintained.
- Insist on attention when you are giving advice but ask yourself the question "are they inattentive because I am talking too much?"
- Avoid generalities — be specific with coaching points and instructions.
- Always be ready to give praise. Coaching is not only designed to find faults.
- Once standards have been set — stick by them
- Ask yourself at the end of the session: Was it fun? Did you enjoy it? Did they improve? Are they looking forward to the next session?

ON THE WRITE LINE

ON THE WRITE LINE:



If you want to get something off your chest, have a complaint, praise something or someone, express your thoughts on a player or just plain suggest something, drop us a line.

Write to:

On the Write Line,
P.O. Box 406 Broadway, 2007
Sydney, NSW.

GET MOVING ASF!

Dear Sir,

WE read in your paper how the ASF wants our help and support.

What a joke!

What has the ASF done to deserve our support?

If it were not for your paper we in the country would not know anything about soccer in Australia or overseas.

The ASF must get off their butt and promote the game in the country.

They need to keep pushing soccer into the paper's, radio and TV.

We need to be able to see local and international soccer on TV.

While SBS may give a good coverage in the city's we cannot receive this in the country.

The ASF must get into the commercial TV or ABC TV.

I think that we would like to support the ASF by attending game's.

But we would like to be able to play our program's around the ASF program's.

Surely the ASF have proposed program's planned well ahead.

Could they send copies of these to the country associations.

We accept that the ASF can be let down by overseas's teams and program's may change but as it is now the first we know of any game is when we read about it in ASW.

Another way the ASF could get more support would be to have players visit country centres.

This would be difficult I know as when player's are not with the ASF they would be with their club.

Maybe the ASF could arrange for the players to have training camps in the country at the colleges of advanced education.

Also the ASF should try to get the NSL club's to take an interest in the country associations.

This idea has begun with Sydney City and Wagga Wagga.

Roy Thomas and Joe Watson have been to Wagga Wagga on a couple of occasions and two Wagga boys have been to training sessions with Sydney City.

While this is in its infancy we hope that it will grow.

But it will not amount to much without publicity.

The ASF must push soccer on to the TV and other media.

Ray Verdon,
Koorringal, NSW

ED - You certainly have put a strong case for country areas in. And what's more you are well and truly on the right track.

Other codes have taken their sport out to the country areas and the people have supported, surely it is about time soccer takes a punt (excuse the pun) and heads out to the country — it couldn't hurt, if it fails at least we all would know something was tried.

THE FINAL FIASCO?

Dear Sir,

AS a soccer fan of the far north once again I feel compelled to write a few lines concerning a Soccerroos — Red Star game played at Barton Park Sydney.

It's my belief (as you are probably aware, due to a recent letter concerning another fiasco final) that the time has come for the ASF and co. to "Stop flogging a dead horse" in persisting to play the matches in Sydney or Melbourne where most of the people that make up these lousy crowds are nothing but bitter and jealous ethnics that use an occasion like a half soccer international to vent their dislikes towards Australian society in general rather than appreciate the football.

Centres such as Darwin, Townsville, Cairns, Perth, Albury, Woodong, Coffs Harbour, could match the 7,000 or so attendance and would do a lot better job in supporting the 'Roos team than the "ghetto" crowds you Sydneysiders, Melbourneans and Brisbanians are blessed with.

Incidentally should any future writer accuse me of being anti-Greek, Yugoslav or Italian, just to set the record straight I'm not a Anglo-Australian but an ethnic. It's about time as many have said before me that we appreciate the fact that Australia is a rising soccer force and give all the support our players deserve.

Another suggestion I'd like to make to the ASF is that in the next European tour, it tries to arrange more full internationals such as Sweden, France, Poland, Bulgaria, Italy, West or East Germany or Yugoslavia, Greece or even Finland, Luxembourg or Cyprus. It is against such teams that Australia's standard of play can be accurately rated, and gain attention from the media apart from SBS.

P. Laustra,
Heatley Townsville,
Qld

ED - Whoa! Slow down! My word you've made your point. I'd like to point out that I think your sentiments are agreed with by a lot of people but you've got two chances of moves to the country occurring in the near future... Buckley's and none.

One good move in the right direction though is taking an international (Australia v China) to Canberra — preferably it should've been at Bruce Stadium rather than Seifert Oval — but then you can't have everything!

ANYWHERE! ANYTIME!

Dear Sir,

IT was stated in certain newspapers that certain Olympic club officials blamed in part the referee and the physical style of football played by Sydney City for the tragic but predictable riot at Pratten Park.

Let us be generous and concede these arguments to the Olympic official but will they please explain why that since 1961 when Olympic, then Pan Hellenic, were admitted to top level club soccer they have been involved, or rather their so-called supporters have, in disturbances, some major and some minor, with just about EVERY club that has played in club soccer in Sydney?

This tragic record even includes clubs

who are now long gone from senior club soccer competition such as Western Suburbs and South Coast United. Why is it that the powers that be appear to discriminate against Greek-based clubs more than any other club here in Sydney — and why doesn't Sydney Olympic take its case to the anti-discrimination board? I look forward to an interesting reply from eply from Sydney Olympic and must point out that this is not an Olympic or Greek-bashing letter but a statement of facts.

Soccer Fan,
Sydney, NSW

ED - Interesting! You are correct that Olympic, alias Pan Hellenic, have had disturbances of every nature against just about every club that they have crossed paths with since their inception.

I have been present at a few and they have been none too pleasant.

HARD LUCK CANBERRA

Dear Sir,

FIRSTLY I am not a supporter of either team mentioned.

I am disgusted and feel sorry for the Canberra supporters, whom I am sure can't understand the ASF rules.

Both Canberra and St George finished on equal points, both played the same amount of games, and both should have the right to play in the play-off.

However, because Canberra had a couple of games which they didn't score enough goals, they don't even have the right to have a play-off with St George. Pretty sour stuff.

Bill Whien,
Dubbo, NSW

ED - Pretty right too. A play-off should have eventuated.

NSL — GET ACT TOGETHER

Dear Sir,

LEICHHARDT have been given two points for a game they did not win.

I ask the simple question. Why has Penrith been punished with relegation because Marconi made a mistake?

Once again the

players have not decided who is relegated, it has been done by the NSL. Is their protection of ethnic clubs so great that they will pull stunts like this each year?

So, eventually chasing all Australians out of the game.

I am no fan of Penrith's and consider their administrators among the poorest of any club in the NSL however the players have earned more points than Newcastle and have beaten Leichhardt on goal difference with "on the park" performances.

Next year the NSL will probably change the format again so continuing to make soccer the laughing stock of Australian Sport so I guess the relegation of Penrith doesn't really matter — or does it.

John Anderson,
Wentworthville

ED - Correct on the changing of the system. It is ridiculous to have the rules changing each and every year, we even got to the ridiculous stage nearing the completion of the championship proper that clubs were sending complaints to the NSL because they had no idea on the relegation system!

SOCCER DISPLAY

Dear Sir,

I AM secretary of the Ashmont Soccer Club in Wagga and I will be organising a display stand for soc-

cer at a Sport and Leisure Display weekend sometime in October '85 promotion by the Department of Sport and Leisure.

Last year was the first year we had had a stand and it was mainly local soccer on display.

It was slightly overshadowed by the Rugby and Australian Rules stands, but this year we are hoping to match on better their stands.

I have been collecting the "Star Profile" and "Oz Heroes" since you started publishing them and I ask your permission to display them on the soccer stand.

It would help promote our national side and top players and clubs.

If you permit the use of the photos and maybe offer some suggestions on promotion on material for promotion it would improve the display and be of benefit to improving the locals knowledge of soccer and players.

I must mention that the stand will represent ALL clubs in Wagga which have a total of about 800 juniors.

Mark Creed,
Wagga, NSW

ED - Permission granted! It's not for Australian Soccer Weekly to stand in the way of progress in soccer.

As for a little suggestion to help the display how about luring a few well known players to appear perhaps displaying skills, such as juggling, shooting etc.

If none from the 'big smoke' of the city become available, surely some of the country lads could help out.



Red Star v Australia action, the country needs these games says a reader.

WOMEN'S SOCCER WITH KEITH GILMOUR AND JOHN ECONOMOS NSW CRACKS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

NSW won the National Championships which ended last Friday at Box Hill, Melbourne, in fine style, mainly due to their very well organised and most experienced midfield.

The "Blues" lifted the title from South Queensland, finishing one point ahead of the Sunshine Girls.

Midfielders of the calibre of Cindy Heydon, Kim Lembryk, Julie Dolan, proved to have too much power and organisational ability.

Janine Riddington, NSW's deadly striker, despite having gone goal-less in the first week of the Championships.

Victoria was a good all round outfit. Early in the match Victoria was awarded a soft penalty and Andrea Martin drove the ball through at Toni McMahon.

Martin however dominated Leigh Wardell and was most tidy at the back.

Carol Vincent also showed up for NSW and was speedy on the flank.

Theresa Jones, Vic-

for the Nationals.

IMPROVERS

Northern Territory and the Tasmanians were tremendous improvers.

Northern NSW were held to a draw by Northern Territory.

Sue Buswell at stopper back-passed to her N.NSW's goalkeeper, Debbie Bonshore, only to watch in horror her



NORTH'S centre-back and current international Mandi Langlaar moves in to block Janine Riddington at a recent training session.

bombarded the target with monotonous regularity last week to crash in nine goals.

Janine's nine goals lifted her to the very top of the goalscoring list and served serious warning for national selection to Australia's coach, Fred Robins.

NSW vs Victoria match, proved to be virtually the decider for the "blues".

toria's goalkeeper, saved her side repeatedly with excellent work.

Janine Riddington busted away for NSW but Jones raced off her line to narrow the angle and neutralise the danger.

South Queensland missed Sharon Wass, Kerry Millam and Lisa Hatley, who were unable to travel to Victoria

back-pass lobb her goalkeeper for an 'own-goal'.

Northern Territory played well.

Renaye Iserief, N.NSW's deadly striker, together with utility player Karen Menzies, tried very hard to pull back the leeway.

The Territory's goalkeeper Sabine Buscham, continually foiled N.NSW.

Iserief hit the crossbar to be denied a goal but as soon as Julie Porter came on as a sub, the match changed.

Porter won a ball in the midfield, whipped in a cross from the right flank to send Lisa Dunn away to score with a low drive.

The Australian Women's National Championships next year will be staged in Adelaide South Australia.

National coach, Fred Robins stated this to ASW late last week.

The Nationals will kick-off on September 2nd and go through till the 12th.



DEBBIE BONSHORE

The Nationals will take the same format as this year.

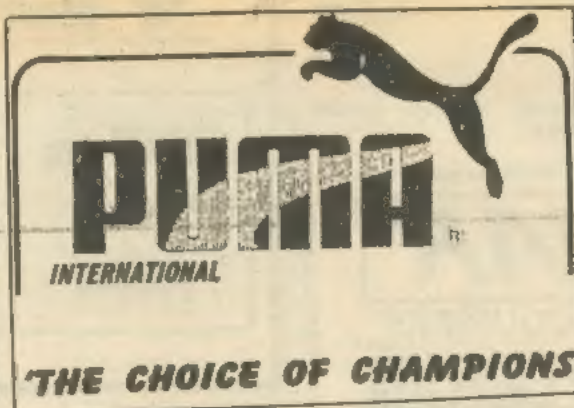
But for future years there is a move to have the titles reduced to a

period of seven days.

In many quarters, it is felt that a two week tournament is too taxing for the players having to constantly back up for matches almost daily.

FINAL PLACINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NSW	8	7	1	0	31	2	15
S.QLD	8	7	0	1	20	5	14
VIC	8	5	2	1	20	7	12
NNSW	8	3	3	2	10	8	9
SA	8	3	0	5	12	18	6
WA	8	3	0	5	14	19	6
TAS	8	3	0	5	6	15	6
ACT	8	0	2	6	1	20	2
NT	8	0	2	6	2	26	2



NEW SOUTH WALES LAP IT UP

NSW ran out worthy winners of the National Women's Soccer Championships in Melbourne during the week.

BY FRANK COLETTA & KEITH GILMOUR

The Blues' chalked up 15 points from eight games to narrowly edge 1984 winners South Queensland out by a point.

Following them were the strong Victorian outfit on 12 points and Northern New South Wales on 9.

Coach Alan Lytton, his assistant John Doyle, manager Trixy Tagg and the team members were elated when they defeated Northern Territory 10-0 on the last day.

The South Queensland downfall was brought about by the 1-0 loss to NSW on the first day of competition.

Keen judges were pleasantly surprised with Tasmania's big improvement to finish in 7th

place.

They tied on 6 points with both South Australia and Western Australia.

National coach Fred Robins held a one day coaching session for a number of his squad on Saturday prior to their returning to the respective home states.

Keith Gilmour, National Executive Director of the Australian Women's Soccer Association said, "I'd sincerely like to thank the Victorian Soccer Association for turning out such a well organised tournament and in turn in giving great support and hospitality."

"My thanks are also extended to the Box Hill Soccer Club for their assistance."

TOP SCORERS AT THE NATIONALS

JANNINE RIDDINGTON(NSW)...9
KIM LEMBRYK(NSW)...9
TINA HARDING(WA)...7
LEANNE PRIESTLY(SQ)...7
TONNEKA JAMES(SA)...5
JOANNE MILLMAN(SQ)...4
DONNA FREDERICKSEN(SQ)...4
RENAYE ISERIEF(NNSW)...4
ALLISON BOLAND(WA)...4
JULIE DOLAN(NSW)...3
LEIGH WARDELL(NSW)...3
CONNIE DELIO(VIC)...3
JULIE PORTER(NNSW)...3
LIZA ELLIOTT(TAS)...3
TRACEY HODGE(VIC)...3



NSW State, and St George coach, Alan Lytton.

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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - MELBOURNE

KICK OFF TIMES	WED 28/8	THUR 29/8	FRI 30/8	SAT 31/8	SUN 1/9	MON 2/9	TUE 3/9	WED 4/9	THUR 5/9	FRI 6/9
10.00 am	TAS-NT	NT-WA	SQ-VIC	SA-NT	TAS-NNSW		VIC-ACT	NSW-WA	ACT-SQ	WA-SA
SCORE	2-0	0-4	3-2	4-0	0-3		3-0	5-0	0-7	0-3
11.30 am	NNSW-ACT	SA-SQ	TAS-NSW	SQ-TAS	ACT-SA		NNSW-WA	VIC-NNSW	NSW-VIC	NT-NSW
SCORE	0-0	0-2	0-4	2-1	0-2		3-0	1-1	0-0	0-10
1.00 pm	SQ-NSW	ACT-TAS	NNSW-SA	VIC-WA	NT-VIC		SA-NSW	ACT-NT	WA-TAS	NNSW-SQ
SCORE	0-1	0-1	2-1	5-3	0-2		2-8	1-1	2-1	0-2
2.30 pm	VIC-SA	NSW-NNSW	WA-ACT	NSW-ACT	SQ-WA		SQ-NT	SA-TAS	NT-NNSW	TAS-VIC
SCORE	3-0	1-0	4-0	2-0	2-1		2-0	0-1	1-1	0-4
BYE	WA	VIC	NT	NNSW	NSW		TAS	SQ	SA	ACT

Wednesday 28/8 - Game Times 11.00, 12.30, 2.00 & 3.30
March Past 9.30 Off Opening 10.00

Tuesday 27/8 - 2.00 Referees Meeting
3.00 Coaches Meeting
5.00 Civic Reception T.B.A.
7.30 Special General Meeting

AWSA AGM - Thur 5/9 - 7.30 BOX HILL SOCCER GROUND
PRESENTATION NIGHT - HAWTHORN RECEPTIONS
Friday 6/9 - 7.30
Referees Convenor BRIAN CRADDOCK

MELITA SEARCH FOR CONSOLATION

Melita Eagles 2 Sutherland 1 **BY TONY RACITI**

Melita Eagles survived the first of their sudden death encounters when they fought out a solid 2-1 victory over Sutherland at Marconi Stadium yesterday.

The win now takes Melita into the final on Sunday week against the loser of the major semi-final between Canterbury Marrickville and Fairy Meadow.

Sutherland can consider themselves slightly unlucky to have been eliminated from the race for the championship, as on yesterday's performance neither side deserved to lose.

In the end a true reflection of the match was that both sides equally dominated in patches throughout.

Sutherland opened the match with tremendous spirit and commitment, and it appeared they were more determined than Melita to succeed.

As early as the sixth minute, Jimmy Webber broke through the Melita back-four but his final shot was abysmal.

Sutherland continued to maintain the pressure, but their front running trio, on nearly every occasion they approached the vicinity of the box, fell down badly.

Sutherland's glut of possession should have given them at least a goal in the opening 25 minutes.

But it was Melita who could have broken the deadlock against the run of play in the 26th minute.



Barry Walker ... scorer of two goals yesterday.

Derek Laing made a strong run down the right before crossing to the unmarked Barry Walker.

Walker did what any good striker would do in this position, but his shot was magnificently saved.

Finally Melita opened the scoring when an intelligently executed defence-splitting pass from Andrew Callanan found Walker unmarked just inside the box.

Walker steadied, picked his spot and then smashed home by far the most brilliantly engineered goal seen at Marconi Stadium this season.

This magic goal lifted Melita enormously and they began to control proceedings.

In the 31st minute Melita should have gone further ahead when a superb pass by Griffiths

found Lenny Vial poised to score the easiest of goals.

But Vial's shot went fractionally wide, and a glorious opportunity to seal the match went begging.

Right on half-time, Beggs should have given his team the match-winning goal but he hesitated, finally losing possession.

In the second half Melita continued to press and their efforts were nearly rewarded in the 49th and 50th minutes.

Firstly Walker beat Mitch Hesford to a long ball, eluded his marker, but finished the move off poorly.

Then a corner kick taken by Vial, floated over to the unmarked McCoy, whose header was steered away from danger by Craig Burchmore.

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Peter Beggs ... Sutherland's goalscorer.

But finally Melita's frenzied, onslaught on the Sutherland goal brought about what in the end was to be the match-winning goal.

Ray Farrugia took a corner in the 51st minute, Barry Walker from the crowded penalty box, was the only player prepared to attack the ball.

He connected with a powerful header which left the 'keeper groping and sent Melita's loyal band of supporters into ecstasy.

Melita then decided to do what most sides do when they feel that the match is sealed and victory is assured — and that is to relax.

Sutherland tried valiantly to fight their way back into the match from this point, but were badly let down by their strikers.

Both Steve Meades and Billy Griffiths in the 83rd and 84th minutes of the match had clear cut scoring opportunities, but failed to score.

Then in the 86th minute, Sutherland were awarded a penalty, easily converted by Peter Beggs.

Sutherland vigorously went hunting for what would have been a deserved equaliser, but in the end the goal they were seeking eluded them.

Summing up... both teams played extremely well, and contrary to popular belief, the standard of this match and the State League overall is not as bad as some misguided critics lead us into believing.

MELITA: D. Pupovac, D. Laing, J. O'Rourke, G. McCoy, C. McAusland, J. Davies, R. Farrugia, L. Vial (Manaman 75), B. Walker, B. Griffiths, A. Callanan.

SUTHERLAND: C. Burchmore, K. Schumann, M. Hesford (Roger 74), I. Burrows, V. Dafforno, J. Webber, M. Harrington, C. Hall (N. Groome 69), C. Hall, P. Beggs, S. Meades, B. Gray.

ALAN VEST

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TAIWAN VISIT

ALAN VEST IS BACK AND TODAY HE BEGINS TO TELL OF HIS TRAVELS.

HAVING just returned from staffing the Oceania/F.I.F.A course in Taiwan I thought a resume of the course would be interesting to the readers of Australian Soccer Weekly.

The course was a four way one; myself doing the coaching, Alan Vest the Queensland Executive Secretary - the Administration; Doug Edwards from New Zealand - the Sports Medicine and Ahmed Hussain from the Fiji - the referees.

It was a marvellous experience made better by the wonderful help and hospitality shown to us by the Taiwanese, but also for the interest, attention and thirst for knowledge of the participants.

All were players or ex-players, most who had played for Taiwan (Chines Taipei) at National, Senior or Youth Level.

There is no doubt about the ball skill/technique which is very good but their knowledge of the tactical side of the game needs a lot of attention.

The course itself was a mixture 30% of inside lectures where we had use of video's, overhead projectors, magnetic soccer area etc. and 70% outside on a good stadium type ground.

I conducted sessions with various teams including the National team which was in camp and will have been in camp for eight weeks prior to their World Cup start in Israel in early September.

Much of the other out-

side work was based on general preparation and the principles of attack and defence and the effort and willingness of the group compensated for the difficulty in language, although my interpreter Mr David Wang made any difficulty minimal.

One of the biggest problems in Taiwan is the lack of competition for the National team and even though they have been in camp for eight weeks they have had no competitive matches in that period.

They'll definitely improve and it wouldn't surprise me to see in a couple of years or more, their national teams holding their own in Oceania.

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SUNDAY — 15th SEPTEMBER, 1985

MARCONI STADIUM

Sutherland Shire v Manly W'gah (3rd Grade)

3pm

Melita Eagles v Sutherland Shire (2nd Grade)

1pm

Cant. M'ville Oly v Fairy Meadow (1st Grade)

11.20am

**FINALS TO BE PLAYED AT
MARCONI SEPTEMBER 22ND**

UK Scene

SAND BUNKERS WATFORD TEAM

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY's Hillsborough ground is one of the showpieces of English soccer — but the pitch was described as "diabolical" by Watford boss Graham Taylor when his team lost 2-1 there.

Taylor said Wednesday have put in sand slits which are five inches wide in places.

He said: "They are having to keep the grass three and a half inches long. It is terrible workmanship. By November, this ground will be a bog."

DIXON WILL STAY

KERRY DIXON, Chelsea's free-scoring centre-forward, still has doubts about his future — even though he signed a four-year contract with the London club.

Chelsea's new manager John Hollins says there is no chance of Dixon being transferred. "Kerry is at Stamford Bridge for another four years and, if I have my way, a lot longer," said Hollins.

Dixon insisted he wanted his future to be with Chelsea, despite rumours that he might move in a straight swap for Frank Stapleton of Manchester United.



KERRY DIXON

Wednesday boss Howard Wilkinson brushed aside the complaint with the statement: "I cannot say how the pitch will play in November — I'm not a groundsman."

"I can't even look after my lawn at home, let alone that big pitch at Hillsborough!"

BATTLE FOR BARNES

THERE is a keen battle going on for England's No. 11 jersey, with Watford's John Barnes and Tottenham's Chris Waddle both staking strong claims.

Barnes, who looked like being England deputy to the expensive Waddle, scored twice in Watford's win against Birmingham and then played a part in four of his team's goals in the 5-1 thrashing of West Brom.

He believes he is striking top form just at the right time, with England team manager Bobby Robson surveying talent for the World Cup eliminations.

COWANS BREAKS LEG IN ITALY

GORDON COWANS, the former Aston Villa and England winger, has broken his leg for the second time in two years.

Now with Bari in Italy, Cowans suffered a hair-line fracture in only his second game with Bari — a 1-1 draw with Ascoli.

Cowans will be in plaster for a month, after which the leg will be examined again.

His last fracture kept him out of football for a year and Cowans is hoping his recovery this time is much quicker.

"It is a great pity because I was really enjoying my football in Italy," said the dejected Cowans.

With Aston Villa team-mate Paul Rideout, Cowans went to Bari in a package deal which cost the Italian club \$1,500,000 during the summer.

GORDON COWANS



THIS WOULD DRIVE YOU TO DRINK

LAWRIE McMENEMY could not have had a more disastrous start to his first season as manager of Sunderland.

Sunderland are finding it almost impossible to win points or score goals.

After one defeat, McMenemy said: "I told the players the crowd should have been given their money back."

"I take every defeat as a personal thing and, at the moment, feel tremendously frustrated... and embarrassed."

AFTER Millwall beat Norwich City 4-2, Millwall's John Fashanu was given a few words of advice by his former Norwich manager Ken Brown.

When Fashanu appeared to elbow Norwich skipper Dave Watson in the face, Brown said: "John sometimes goes beyond the rules. He's got a lot to learn and if he doesn't, he'll soon be found out."

It wasn't a good day for another Fashanu.

John's brother Justin, playing for Brighton against Bradford, was sent off for dissent.

ONLY two uncapped players were included in the 22-strong Welsh World Cup squad to play Scotland.

The rookies are Barry Horne of Wrexham and Huddersfield skipper Steve Doyle.

Plenty of Welsh fans were surprised at the omission of Oxford's Jeremy Charles and goalscorer Gordon Davies of Chelsea.

Wales play Scotland in Cardiff on Wednesday in a match which could decide which team plays the winner of the Oceania qualifying group in the World Cup.

JUST in case you've wondered what happened to them, the National Associations of Lebanon and Venezuela have been suspended by FIFA until further notice.

Moral of the story... no war and you score!

BLAST FROM BOSS

OXFORD's new manager Maurice Evans was a very angry man after seeing his team beaten 3-1 by Birmingham City.

"That wasn't football," said Evans, adding, "I've spent most of my managerial career in third and fourth division but if this was really first division football, I wouldn't want to watch it."

Evans, who has been Oxford's acting manager since Jim Smith moved to QPR, also accused some of his players of being "fairies."

That's hardly the way to get the best out of a team.

ISRAEL will hold a coaching course on October 1, 2 and 3 with a Scotsman in charge.

Andy Roxburgh, who coached Scotland's World Youth Championship side in Mexico in 1983, has been appointed as boss.

McMAHON KEEN ON LIVERPOOL

LIVERPOOL made an offer of \$700,000 to Aston Villa for midfielder Steve McMahon, but Villa told them to increase the offer by \$100,000.

Manchester United also bid for the player but that deal fell through when McMahon said he was not interested in going to Old Trafford.

How many players would turn down the chance of joining Manchester United?

McMahon was originally with Everton and would prefer to settle on Merseyside.

He was left out of Villa's team recently because, according to manager Graham Turner: "Steve can think of nothing but his move to Liverpool and, in that state of mind, he is no good to us."

BARNES FACES TOUGH TEST

PETER BARNES, Manchester United's new winger from Coventry City, is determined to prove he can recapture the magic which made him a million pound footballer a few years ago.

After signing for United from Coventry City, Barnes said: "I've been dreaming for years about this chance. Now I have to show people I can still do it. At last I have the right platform."

United boss Ron Atkinson knew he was taking a big gamble by buying Barnes, who has been so disappointing with his last three clubs.

Mick Brown, Atkinson's assistant, says: "I'm convinced Barnes

is going to do well. But if he doesn't and he starts making excuses, he will be kicked down the stairs."

"We are not a Peter Barnes benevolent society."

Atkinson was boss of West Brom when he first bought Barnes and paid more than \$1,000,000 to Manchester City to get him.

Now Atkinson has bought Barnes again... for one tenth of that figure.



Peter Barnes in full flight.

HERO IS SACKED

TONY PARKS, the goalkeeper hero of Spurs when they won the UEFA Cup on penalties, has been sacked by the club.

At 22, Parks has been kicked out by Spurs after appearing in court on a second drink-driving charge while disqualified from driving.

The miserably unhappy Parks said: "I am sorry to end up in this position. I am very upset but I have brought this on myself."

"My life went downhill just a couple of months after the UEFA Cup Final when I expected to start the new season as first choice goalkeeper," he said.

"Then my marriage broke up and I couldn't cope with it all. I have let everyone down, my parents, myself and the Spurs club."



Tony Parks, makes the save that made him famous.

SOCCER WORLD



BRIEGEL'S VOTE MAKES HISTORY

WHEN Hans Peter Briegel was voted West Germany's "Player of the year" he made history.

He is the only player to be so honoured while playing out of the country.

Briegel is a key man for the Italian League champions, Verona, where he has turned in consistent games in mid-field and defence.

Verona are looking good bets to go close to the Serie A title once again. Their side is a settled one and will benefit from last year's experience ... some experience!

Recently signed by Verona was 26-year-old midfielder Beniamino Vignola from European champions Juventus.

Vignola will finally be given a chance to display his skill in the top flight having been consistently denied at Juve because of Giovanni Trapattoni's

somewhat negative tactics.

Once settled, Vignola, who was recently married, will be able to prove his worth with the champions and in turn go close to winning selection in the Italian squad for the World Cup Finals in Mexico. ... having already represented Italy in Olympic competition.

The biggest talking point in Italy recently was the likelihood of Vignola and Bruno Conti playing together in the Verona midfield.

Unfortunately for Verona, Conti received a superb deal from his club AS Roma and decided to stay but their combination might come to fruition for the national side ... what a delight that would be!



Hans-Peter Briegel.

MARADONA THREAT — 'GO TO GAOL'

DIEGO MARADONA and headlines go hand in hand, which is not surprising when you realise he is the highest-paid footballer in the world.

Trouble is, Maradona, despite playing in Italy for Napoli, is in the news in Spain.

It seems when the Argentinian ace was transferred from Barcelona to Napoli, he forgot to settle a tax bill allegedly owing to the Spanish government.

The sum involved is \$60,000. But, with interest, plus a fine for non-payment, the figure is now about \$130,000.

The Spanish authorities are getting tired of waiting for settlement.

It has even been suggested that Maradona will be slapped into gaol if he sets foot in Spain again!

This threat follows hot on the heels of the news a couple of months ago that the legendary Brazilian Zico may have been locked up also.

Life on top in the world of soccer is sure tough!



Diego Maradona, in trouble.

FRANCE MOURNS LOSS OF FANS

THE theory that success for an international team automatically increases attendances at club matches would appear to be a myth.

France has carried all before it in international matches in recent years, including the winning of the European Championship in 1984.

This should have lifted interest in French football—but it didn't.

Last season, 13 out of the 20 first division clubs, a reported a drop in crowds. In all, 115,000 spectators turned away

from the game.

Paris St Germain lost 7,500 on their average gates, a drop of 32 per cent, and Toulouse's average went down by 5,300 per game.

Bastia must be very worried.

They averaged 1,898 for home matches, a figure which might cause even Australian clubs to hoist distress signals.

MEXICO MAKES REAL EFFORT

MEXICO is determined to shake off its unwanted rating as one of the poorest teams in World Cup football.

For next year's Cup, hosted by Mexico, preparation of the national team under Yugoslavian coachy Bora Milutinovic has been extensive, far better than Mexico has ever before experience.

Since the end of the club championship in May, all players in the

World Cup squad have been placed at the disposal of Milutinovic.

This adversely affects club, so to be fair to them the Mexican Football Association has taken the unprecedented step of suspending relegation.

From September until

December, Mexico's national squad will play no fewer than 20 matches.

If this doesn't improve Mexico's togetherness, nothing will.

By the way in a table of 52 World Cup nations, Mexico stands at 23rd.



One year before the Final Round, Mexico's selection showed great progress at the Azteca Stadium. Standing (from left): Muñoz, Aguirre, Larros, Boy, Barbosa, Trejo. — Kneeling (from left): España, Amador, Flores, Quirarte, Negrete.

OLYMPIC PLAN IS DELAYED

WE can forget all about the next Olympic football tournament being restricted to players in the Under 23 age group.

Although FIFA is keen to implement this new qualification, it has been decided that there is not sufficient time to bring it in before the Seoul Olympics in 1988.

So players will to compete in the Olympics on a "SHAMateur" basis at least for the time being.

The rules which applied in Los Angeles in 1982 will remain in force.

It is almost certain, however that the 1992 Olympic Games football tournament WILL feature players in the Under 23 bracket.

★ URUGUAY has always had difficulty keeping its star players at home because they can earn so much more by joining the exodus to Europe.

Latest to leave his home land is "golden boy" Ruben Sosa.

Ruben is starring for Spanish club Real Zaragoza after efforts to keep him in Uruguay failed.

Zaragoza paid a huge fee to get him ... around \$800,000.

BILARDO'S HEADACHE

CARLOS BILARDO, Argentina's national team coach, is having great difficulty getting his World Cup squad into shape with nearly all of his key players out of the country.

In ASW recently, we wrote about the absence of stars like Maradona, Passarella and Bertoni, but they have since been joined by many others in voluntary exile.

Barrachaga is with Nantes, Tossiero in Mexico with Toluca, Gareca and Trobbiani with America in Colombia, Pasculli with Lecce and

Ruggeri is with Real Zaragoza.

This was not allowed to happen when Cesar Luis Menotti was running the Argentinian Cup squad.

Menotti insisted on a transfer ban so he could keep his country's World Cup candidates at home for regular training and matches.

FIFA CHECKS STADIUMS

AS a hangover from the Heysel Stadium disaster in Brussels, FIFA has been conducting an investigation into the suitability of various stadiums as venues for important matches.

FIFA admits it has, in the past, tended to neglect the importance of using safe, comfortable, adequate, stadiums and, of course, National Associations still rely, largely, on grounds which have become out of date.

The world ruling body points out that, while

some grounds such as Munich's Olympic Stadium, the Azteca in Mexico City and the new Olympic Stadium, are magnificent buildings representing splendid achievements in modern stadium construction, there is still a multitude of football arenas no longer up to the demands of modern times.